

HR 4995

Maternal Health Quality Improvement Act of 2020

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Engel, Eliot L. [D-NY-16]

Party: Democratic • **State:** NY • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (31 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Adams, Alma S. [D-NC-12]	D · NC		Nov 8, 2019
Rep. Bucshon, Larry [R-IN-8]	R · IN		Nov 8, 2019
Rep. Latta, Robert E. [R-OH-5]	R · OH		Nov 8, 2019
Rep. Stivers, Steve [R-OH-15]	R · OH		Nov 8, 2019
Rep. Torres Small, Xochitl [D-NM-2]	D · NM		Nov 8, 2019
Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Nov 12, 2019
Rep. Herrera Beutler, Jaime [R-WA-3]	R · WA		Nov 13, 2019
Rep. Kelly, Robin L. [D-IL-2]	D · IL		Nov 13, 2019
Rep. Burgess, Michael C. [R-TX-26]	R · TX		Nov 15, 2019
Rep. Marshall, Roger [R-KS-1]	R · KS		Nov 15, 2019
Rep. Walden, Greg [R-OR-2]	R · OR		Nov 15, 2019
Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Nov 18, 2019
Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Nov 19, 2019
Rep. O'Halleran, Tom [D-AZ-1]	D · AZ		Nov 19, 2019
Rep. Craig, Angie [D-MN-2]	D · MN		Nov 20, 2019
Rep. Guthrie, Brett [R-KY-2]	R · KY		Nov 20, 2019
Rep. Trone, David J. [D-MD-6]	D · MD		Nov 20, 2019
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Nov 21, 2019
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Nov 21, 2019
Rep. Casten, Sean [D-IL-6]	D · IL		Nov 26, 2019
Rep. Cunningham, Joe [D-SC-1]	D · SC		Dec 6, 2019
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Dec 12, 2019
Rep. Underwood, Lauren [D-IL-14]	D · IL		Dec 12, 2019
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Jan 3, 2020
Rep. Finkenauer, Abby [D-IA-1]	D · IA		Jan 14, 2020
Rep. Morelle, Joseph D. [D-NY-25]	D · NY		Jan 27, 2020
Rep. Houlahan, Chrissy [D-PA-6]	D · PA		Feb 13, 2020
Rep. Gabbard, Tulsi [D-HI-2]	D · HI		Apr 22, 2020
Rep. Ruiz, Raul [D-CA-36]	D · CA		Jun 30, 2020
Rep. Levin, Andy [D-MI-9]	D · MI		Sep 1, 2020
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Sep 1, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Reported by	Nov 13, 2019
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 22, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 14	Related bill	Nov 2, 2020: Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.
116 S 2586	Related bill	Sep 26, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
116 HR 4243	Related bill	Sep 10, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
116 HR 4215	Related bill	Sep 3, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
116 S 2373	Related bill	Jul 31, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Summary (as of Sep 21, 2020)

Excellence in Maternal Health Act of 2020

This bill expands initiatives to address maternal health in rural areas and promote innovation in the field.

Specifically, the bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to establish rural obstetric networks for improving outcomes in birth and maternal morbidity through collaboration, training, and program evaluation.

HHS also must award demonstration program grants to (1) train physicians, medical residents, and other practitioners to provide maternal and obstetric services in rural communities; and (2) support academic programs that develop or provide training to improve maternal care in rural areas. Further, the bill adds maternal health services as part of the telehealth network and telehealth resource centers grant programs.

The bill also makes a series of changes to the research and reporting requirements of HHS with respect to data on maternal health outcomes.

Additionally, the bill establishes grants to (1) develop best practices to reduce preventable maternal mortality; (2) train health care professionals about reducing and preventing discrimination when providing maternal health services; (3) support perinatal quality collaboratives in states, tribes, or tribal organizations to improve perinatal care and health outcomes for pregnant and postpartum women; and (4) establish evidence-informed, integrated health care services for pregnant and postpartum women and their infants.

HHS also must contract with an independent research organization to study and make recommendations to accredited school training programs about discrimination and implicit and explicit biases.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 22, 2020:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
- **Sep 21, 2020:** Mrs. Dingell moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 21, 2020:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H4623-4626)
- **Sep 21, 2020:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 4995.
- **Sep 21, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.
- **Sep 21, 2020:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H4623-4625)
- **Sep 21, 2020:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 17, 2020:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 116-514.
- **Sep 17, 2020:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 414.
- **Nov 19, 2019:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Nov 19, 2019:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Nov 13, 2019:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Nov 13, 2019:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .
- **Nov 12, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Nov 8, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 8, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
- **Sep 9, 2019:** Hearings Held Prior to Introduction and Referral.